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SUBJECT: GENERAL ELECTIONS

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1. A WELL INFORMED AND WELL CONNECTED LAO WOMAN TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER THAT THE LPDR IS MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR ELECTIONS FOR THE SUPREME PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY (SPA).

2. LPDR OFFICIALS HAVE APPROACHED SOURCE'S MOTHER-IN-LAW, WHO IS A SUB-DISTRICT CHIEF, TO ASK HER TO STAND FOR ELECTION TO THE SPA. MOTHER-IN-LAW WAS NOT TOLD WHEN THE ELECTION WOULD BE HELD. CANDIDATES ARE APPARENTLY SELECTED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND CANNOT VOLUNTEER TO RUN FOR OFFICE.

3. AN OFFICIAL FROM THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WHO LIVES WITH THE SOURCE'S FAMILY AND WHO IS NOW ATTENDING THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC SEMINAR (REFTTEL), SAID THAT THE ELECTION PROCEDURES HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE SEMINAR.
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